

Trails Committee Meeting
December 22, 2015
Minutes

Attendees: Ed Kinowski, Chairman; Supervisors Peter Martin, Tom Richardson and Mo Wright; Jason Kemper, Planning Director.

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kemper gave an update on the County Forestry Program. He said the timber program has been modified a bit due to Kinns Road Park not be harvested at this point. Mr. Kemper said a couple different things are going on right now with the first being to try to come up with the timber for the Visitor's Center in Schuylerville. He said they are currently in the process of tagging the Taylor Road parcel and this should be the only parcel required for the 2016 harvest.

Mr. Kinowski asked for clarification on the Kinns Road Park parcel. There was a discussion on the parcel and where it stood at this point. Discussions are ongoing between the County and the Town of Clifton Park.

Mr. Kemper gave an update on the Zim Smith Trail from Coons Crossing to Mechanicville. The draft design is just about completed. He said his office is continuing to work with the railroad and DOT.

Mr. Kemper gave an update on the 2015 County Trails Grant program. The contracts have been sent out and most have been returned. A discussion was held on the process for the 2016 grants.

Mr. Martin said he has received some concerns about parcel 86A (Louden Road Trail) and hunting on that parcel. He said the parcel is used for walking, walking dogs and other recreational use. He said the character of the neighborhood is changing and is concerned with guns on that parcel. Mr. Kemper said that parcel is adjacent to State Land where hunting is allowed. Mr. Wright said he disagrees with taking away a privilege of hunting and with the laws the way they are there probably isn't much hunting going on. Mr. Martin said it was more target practicing and the shooters leaving a mess. Mr. Wright agreed target practicing can be limited or eliminated but did not want the right of hunters taken away. Mr. Kinowski said with the character of the neighborhood changing and more houses being built he doesn't believe much hunting is done on this parcel as the wildlife have probably moved. Mr. Kinowski proposed getting information out to the neighbors about the hunting seasons and having signs put up stating "no target practicing allowed". Mr. Martin said he would talk with the County Attorney about this issue and the signage of the parcel.

On a motion by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk